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Soil Sampling To Occur Outside Watsonville Residence

Berkeley --- The California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC), in conjunction with activities being conducted by the Santa Cruz County Environmental Health Services Agency, will be sampling soil to test for elevated levels of arsenic and lead outside of a residence located at 240 Locust Street in Watsonville. The State is funding the analysis and sampling of the soil. Soil sampling activities will be conducted throughout the day on Wednesday, March 12, 2003.

State and Santa Cruz County officials will be onsite to speak to the media at 10:30 a.m., including bilingual spokespersons that will be available for interviews in Spanish.

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2003
Time: 10:30 a.m. (press availability onsite with State and County officials)
Location: 240 Locust Street
Watsonville, California

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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